

Carangai-
Chipaya

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151 of those near them. The envy which tortures these contained and
 878 impulsive beings manifests itself in an underhand manner in low acts
 [154] of revenge, in denunciations of each other to the alcaldes, and in
 interminable quarrels. Some Chipaya seem to realize this state of
 mind and complain about it. One of them who had traveled a bit
 spoke to me of it with bitterness: "Here," he said, "all hate each
 other, all envy each other, all steal from each other, and it does
 not make a good life."

593 Married life often reflects the brutality and ill-nature of the
 578 characters. Disputes between spouses are frequent and degenerate
 into volleys of blows with sticks which the husband administers to
 his wife or reciprocally. The in-laws take part in these domestic
 [162] conflicts and add to them. These quarrels can give way to dramat
 a few days after my arrival in Chipaya, a woman in a sudden fit of
 hysterical anger against her husband strangled herself with her own
 hands.

836 Sexual morality seems to be, from what the Chipaya told me,
 bad from our point of view. Young girls enjoy a great deal of free-
 848 virginity. Illegitimate children are welcome and do not prevent them
 837 from marrying. In contrast, infractions against conjugal fidelity
 can have serious repercussions. Some women seem to let themselves
 be seduced easily, and these cases of adultery or attempted adultery
 593 provoke in turn brawls and scuffles. In general there is no apparent
 affection between man and wife. The women have nonetheless a
 privileged position, and their authority is incontestable. They
 speak to their husbands in firm and decisive tones, and no decision
 can be /207/ made without their consent. The children are never
 159 mistreated. From the point of view of character, the Chipaya com-
 177 pare very favorably with the Uro of Ancoasqui, their brothers in race,
 who still more than they have felt the pernicious Aymara influence
 609 The last 30 Uro of the Desaguadero compete in hostility and distrust
 121 of strangers, even well-meaning ones, and it is hardly pleasant to
 stay with them.